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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1144/81 laying down general rules  
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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

A further step has been taken to deal with the serious and continuing problems affecting the market in table wine by providing, under Council Regulation (EEC) No 2328/81<sup>1)</sup> amending Regulation (EEC) No 1144/81<sup>2)</sup>, for a second exceptional distillation measure. In view of the limited distillation capacities in wine-growing zones C III a) and C III b) and in order to facilitate the distillation of wines from these zones in other wine-growing zones, transport aid is granted under Regulation (EEC) No 2328/81 for wine distilled at a distance of at least 300 km from the place of its production.

Since some Community distillers traditionally distil large quantities of wine in plants which are not situated in a wine-growing zone, the Commission would propose, in order to make the exceptional distillation measure as effective as possible, that such distillers be made eligible for the said transport aid.

The expenditure consequential upon adoption of this proposal for a Regulation will not be greater than that provided for in respect of the second distillation measure.

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1) OJ No L 230, 14.8.1981, p. 1

2) OJ No L 120, 1.5.1981, p. 1

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 of 5 February 1979  
on the common organization of the market in wine<sup>1)</sup>, as last amended by  
Regulation (EEC) No 3456/80<sup>2)</sup>, and in particular Article 15(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Council

Whereas/Regulation (EEC) No 1144/81<sup>3)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC)  
No 2328/81<sup>4)</sup>, provides for the distillation by way of exception of table  
wine with  
/the object of alleviating the serious crisis in the market; whereas in  
view in particular of the limited distillation capacities in wine-growing  
zones C III a) and C III b), additional aid is granted when table wines  
produced in these zones are transported for distillation to other  
wine-growing zones situated at a distance of at least 300 kilometres;

Whereas distillers whose distillation facilities are not situated in a  
wine-growing zone should also be eligible for the said additional aid,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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1) OJ No L 54, 05.03.1979, p. 1

2) OJ No L 360, 31.12.1980, p. 18

3) OJ No L 120, 01.05.1981, p. 1

4) OJ No L 230, 14.08.1981, p. 1

Article 1

Article 5(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1144/81 is hereby replaced by the following:

"3. An additional aid of 1.65 ECU/hl shall be granted to the distiller for table wines produced in wine-growing zones C III a) and C III b) which are subject to a delivery contract concluded between 17 August 1981 and 14 October 1981 and which are distilled outside these zones at a distance of at least 300 kilometres from their place of production."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply with effect from 17 August 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President